



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 1364***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT LINKING EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM TO INDUSTRY  
NEEDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commissioners of Higher Education and  
2       Economic and Community Development and the Labor  
3       Commissioner, in consultation with the superintendent of the  
4       vocational-technical school system, the Board of Trustees of the  
5       Community-Technical College System and one member of industry  
6       representing each of the economic clusters identified by the  
7       Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to  
8       section 32-4g of the general statutes, shall (1) review, evaluate and, as  
9       necessary, recommend improvements for certification and degree  
10      programs offered by the vocational-technical school system and the  
11      community-technical college system to ensure that such programs  
12      meet the employment needs of business and industry, and (2) develop  
13      strategies to strengthen the linkage between skill standards for  
14      education and training and the employment needs of business and  
15      industry.

16      (b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the  
17      Commissioner of Higher Education shall report, in accordance with  
18      section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of  
19      the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
20      education, commerce and labor and to the select committee of the

21 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to workforce  
22 development on (1) the implementation of any recommended  
23 programs or strategies within the vocational-technical school system or  
24 the community-technical college system to strengthen the linkage  
25 between vocational-technical and community-technical college  
26 certification and degree programs and the employment needs of  
27 business and industry, and (2) any certification or degree programs  
28 offered by vocational-technical schools or regional community-  
29 technical colleges that do not meet current industry standards.

30 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-69 of the general statutes is  
31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

32 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall establish and  
33 maintain a program of adult classes or shall provide for participation  
34 in a program of adult classes for its adult residents through  
35 cooperative arrangements with one or more other boards of education,  
36 one or more cooperating eligible entities or a regional educational  
37 service center pursuant to the provisions of section 10-66a. Such board  
38 of education may admit an adult to any public elementary or  
39 secondary school. No person enrolled in a full-time program of study  
40 in any local or regional school district may enroll in an adult education  
41 activity without the approval of the school principal of the school in  
42 which such person is enrolled in such full-time program. Instruction [:  
43 (1) Shall be provided in] shall be provided: (1) In Americanization and  
44 United States citizenship, English for adults with limited English  
45 proficiency and elementary and secondary school completion  
46 programs or classes; (2) in occupational skills training for adults  
47 residing in distressed municipalities; and [(2)] (3) may be provided in  
48 (A) any subject provided by the elementary and secondary schools of  
49 such school district, including vocational education, (B) adult literacy,  
50 (C) parenting skills, and (D) any other subject or activity.

51 Sec. 3. The sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars is  
52 appropriated to the Department of Education, for the fiscal years  
53 ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, for the purpose of establishing

54 a two-year pilot program designed to provide occupational skills  
55 training to adults residing in distressed municipalities who participate  
56 in adult education programs pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-69  
57 of the general statutes, as amended by section 2 of this act.

58 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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**JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST. C/R**

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